A Health Center at Full Capacity:  
Workforce as the Fuel for Your Organizational Mission

The fuel for high-quality patient care as it journeys through the complicated healthcare landscape is a robust workforce! While it might be a bit different at each organization, every health center has some of this energy powering their organizational efforts. Identifying and replicating common features of a strong health center will ensure they continue their journey with full tanks, no matter the make of their organization.

A health center with a full tank identifies workforce as an essential organizational issue, invests in appropriate operational and staffing resources, and has some key features:

**Data-Informed Workforce Plan**
Uses organizational, human resources, and community data to help develop a realistic and dynamic plan.

**Chief Workforce Officer**
Has a high-level staff dedicated to developing, monitoring, and improving the workforce plan.

**Equitable and Effective Compensation Structure**
Defines a sustainable approach to total compensation that is attractive to potential and current staff and maintains fairness.

**Tested Recruitment and Retention Strategies**
Uses a Plan-Do-Study-Act approach to testing and refining the specific recruitment and retention strategies that make up a formal workforce plan.

**High-Functioning Managers**
Identifies the key role of managers in developing and engaging staff, and invests in their training with the expectation of staff retention.

**Positive, Consistent Culture Focused on Engagement**
Focuses on two-way communication to continually improve the practice experience, reduce burnout, and support transdisciplinary teams.

**Policies that Support Diversity and Cultural Respect**
Commits to policies that help to recruit and retain a workforce representative of the patients served, with ongoing opportunity to learn and enhance cultural respect in practice.
Helping You Fill Your Tank

The Association of Clinicians for the Underserved, through a National Cooperative Agreement from HRSA’s Bureau of Primary Health Care, operates the Solutions, Training, and Assistance for Recruitment and Retention (STAR²) Center. The STAR² Center offers a number of learning opportunities, including live and archived webinars, in-person trainings, learning collaboratives (LCs), a dynamic resource center, self-paced courses, tools, individual technical assistance, and more. These resources are free and designed to support health centers with any amount of fuel in their workforce tanks. Explore the highlighted activities for each of the key health center features below, and reach out to the STAR² Center team at any time for information and assistance.

Data-Informed Workforce Plan
- ACU Data Profiles
- Workforce Self-Assessment Tool
- Financial Impact Assessment Tool
- Data Metrics Learning Collaborative

Chief Workforce Officer
- STAR² Center - Making of a Chief Workforce Officer

Equitable and Competitive Compensation Structure
- Archived Compensation Series
- Compensation Self-Assessment

Tested Recruitment and Retention Strategies
- Recruitment and Retention Plan Template
- Recruitment Boot Camp
- Retention Academy
- Retention Planning and Strategies Series

High-Functioning Managers
- Employee Engagement Learning Collaborative

Positive, Consistent Culture Focused on Engagement
- Retention Academy Learning Collaborative
- Employee Engagement Learning Collaborative
- Burnout Webinar Series
- Burnout Self-Assessment Tool

Policies that Support Diversity and Cultural Respect
- STAR² Center Cultural Competency Resource Bundle

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